

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Original): An organic electroluminescent device that comprises organic compound layer(s) including at least one organic emitting layer sandwiched between a pair of electrodes, wherein at least one organic compound layer is formed from an organic compound material having an impurity concentration of lower than 500 ppm and the impurity therein is a halogen-containing compound.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the halogen-containing compound is a ~~halogen compound~~ halide.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the organic compound layers are a hole injection layer, an organic emitting layer and an electron injection layer.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one organic compound material to form the organic compound layer(s) is purified through sublimation.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one organic compound material to form the organic compound layer(s) is purified through recrystallization or reprecipitation, or through recrystallization combined with reprecipitation.

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Claims 7-9 (Canceled).

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 3 has been amended by replacing "halogen compound" with --halide--. Claims 2-6 remain pending in the application.